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Building Green 2008 Affordable Housing Conference
to take place May 9 in Indianapolis

Come learn about innovative green building tactics and supplies at the 2008 Building Green Affordable Housing Conference, Friday May 9, 2008, at the Marriott Hotel in downtown Indianapolis. This year's keynote speaker will be Ellen Sahli, Commissioner of the Department of Housing, for the City of Chicago.

The conference will offer valuable guidelines, financing tools and case studies on how to develop single-family and multifamily affordable housing using eco-friendly and sustainable practices. Speakers and participants from Indiana and surrounding states will take part in a series of workshops and idea plenary sessions designed to inspire and promote these green building practices.

"We owe it to our state to find ways to build energy efficient homes at affordable prices," said Lt. Governor Becky Skillman. "Through initiatives like the green building conference, we are able to bring together experts in every step of the housing process – from developers to investors – who can make environmentally friendly housing a reality in Indiana."

Workshops featured at the conference will include: Learning About Green: Integrated Design Process; Green Techniques and Building Materials; City Government Initiatives for Green Affordable Housing; Energy Audits; Financing Options for Building Green; Marketing to Buyers; Green Rehab of Historic Districts; and Public Incentives for Green Building. The conference will also feature case studies for affordable single and multi-family projects built with green building principles.

Since 1989, Sahli has been under the leadership of Chicago's Mayor Daley. She has accessed \$4 billion to assist more than 150,000 housing units throughout the city, including new single family homes, rental housing for working families and senior citizens, and single-room-occupancy buildings.

In addition to her duties as Commissioner, Ms. Sahli oversees the implementation of green building guidelines into affordable housing programs. She will discuss the innovative projects and initiatives the city is currently involved with to promote green building practices.

"It is more important than ever for all affordable housing developers to understand these issues and to work to green their developments," said Sherry Seiwert, Executive Director of IHCD. "As the world moves toward more sustainable building, we must ensure that people with low and moderate incomes are not left with the burden of higher costs and inferior housing."

The Indiana Housing & Community Development Authority (IHCD), Indiana Office of Energy & Defense Development (OED), Indianapolis Local Initiative Support Corporation (LISC), Indiana Association for Community Economic Development (IACED), Indianapolis Children's Museum, Builder's Association of Greater Indianapolis (BAGI), Department of Natural Resources and Browning Day Mullins Dierdorf Architects are jointly hosting this workshop on developing energy efficient and environmentally sustainable affordable housing. The 2008 *Building Green Affordable Housing Conference* will take place May 9, 2008 at the Marriott Hotel in downtown Indianapolis.

The event is geared toward builders, developers of affordable housing and those interested in greening homes. Bankers, architects, officials with local units of government, affordable housing advocates and energy efficiency advocates are encouraged to attend. To register, please visit the Indiana Association for Community Economic Development's Web site at <http://www.iaced.org>.

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The Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority's (IHCD) mission is for every Hoosier to have the opportunity to live in safe, affordable, good-quality housing in economically stable communities. IHCD believes that growing Indiana's economy starts at home. For more information, go to www.ihcd.in.gov. For updates from Lt. Governor Becky Skillman and the agencies she oversees, please sign up at www.in.gov/lgov.

